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Re: U.S. Patent Application Entitled: DEDICATED BANDWIDTH DATA
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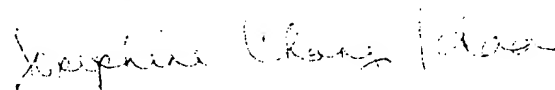
Dear Mr. Haywood:

We are handling the prosecution of the above-referenced patent application for Alcatel. You are listed as an inventor on this application.

We have prepared a declaration for your signature for submitting to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Please execute the declaration after your review, and return it to us in the enclosed envelope by no later than **June 17, 2003**.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions in regards to this matter.

Sincerely,



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